GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FORMULATION OF NATIONAL PENSION POLICY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to formulate a National Pension Policy for the old, handicapped and destitute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) to (c): Government has formulated National Policy for Older Persons in 1999 and National Policy for Persons with Disabilities in 2006. Government of India on 15-08-1995 launched the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Presently, NSAP comprises three pension schemes namely Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS). A central assistance of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary is provided to persons belonging to families living below the poverty line under each of these pension schemes and the States have been urged to contribute at least an equal amount.